THERE are 3,310 farms in Maine with a total area of 254,512 acres and a taxable valuation of \$1,248,789 that have been abandoned by their owners.

MARY ELEANOR WHEELER, alias Mrs. Pearcey, was hanged in London, on the 23d, for the murder of Mrs. Phosbe Hogg and her infant child in October last.

SECRETARY TRACY, on the 22d awarded the contract for building the Ammen harbor defense ram at the Bath Iron Works, of Maine, at their bid of \$930,-

HEINRICH SCHLIEMANN, 'the noted archæologist, discoverer of the supposed site of ancient Troy, died in Berlin, on the 26th, at the age of sixty-eight

THE residence of Victor Rogers, de Jessville, Mich., was burned on 'the 23d, and his two children, aged three and ten years, vespectively, perished in the flames

THE Jury in the case of Frank Word, whose trial for the marder of Maririce Adler, in June last, had been progressing h Washington, D.C., for two weeks, returned a verdict of "not guilty," on

Ir is believed not improbable that the British House of Commons will unseat Sir John Pope Hemnessy, monther-elect from North Kilkermy, on account of undue clerical into ence exerted in his

well known in Ohio, and Miss Elizabeth on the 25th.

A DISPATCH from Rome says that the purpose of the Vatican is to use the leverage of clerical influence in Ireland to compel the British Government to extend diplomatic recognition to the Holy See so greatly desired by the Pope.

ISAAC SAWTELLE was found guilty, at Dover, N. H., on the 25th, of the murder of his brother Hiram, whom he lured from his home and dispatched in order that he might secure the victim's pertion of the estate left by their father.

REV. JAMES BLACK, D. D. LL. D., professor of languages at Wooster (0.) University, died on the 23d. Dr. Black was a class-mate of Secretary Blaine at Washington and Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. He was sixty-five years

"THE Italians of Dalmatia have made poration of that province with Croatia. They fear that such a transfer would lessen the chances of their being re- lungs, hence his death. united to Italy as a result of the Irredentist movement.

Peter J. Claasen, president of the Sixth National Bank of New York, which he tried to wreck, was, on the 22d, denied by the United States Court in banc, without right of appeal.

'A CIRCULAR, issued on the 22d, informed the British branches of the National League that the services of most of the officials connected with such branches would not be needed in the future, owing to the doubtful financial position of the League.

THE election held, on the 22d, to fill the seat in the House of Commons made vacant by the death of Mr. Marum, member for North Kilkenny, Ireland, resulted in the return of Sir John Pope Hennessy, the anti-Parnellite candidate, by a handsome majority.

THE Portuguese Government has shrewdly granted valuable concessions in the disputed portion of Manicaland, South Africa, to an English company which is actively campaigning in behalf of the Portuguese claims and against the British South African Com-

THE coroner's jury in the case of Miss Worthington who was killed in the recent railway accident at Broadstone, England, returned a verdict, on the 26th, charging the engineer and fireman of the detached engine with which the express train collided with manslaughter.

THE Territorial Legislature of Oklahome adjourned, on the 24th, without having provided a criminal code to take the place of that of Nebraska, which they were authorized by the act of incorporation to use until the Legislature met. The President has asked Congress to supply the omission.

Time President has appointed the following additional commissioners to the World's Fair: David W. Curtis, alternate, for Wisconsin: Louis Williams, commissioner, for Alaska: Carl Spuhn, alternate, for Alaska; M. A. Fulker, alternate, for Alaska; Edward DeGroff, commissioner, for Alaska.

THE statement is made that the German Government will grant Prof. Koch 1.000,000 marks and his assistants 500,-000 marks for the privilege of manufacturing the Koch lymph. Prof. Koch and his assistants are also to have a large share of the profits accruing from the manufacture of the lymph.

MRS. HARRIET WORRELL, said to be Point, L. L., on the 23d. by drinking a easier and takes considerable food. quantity of earbolic acid. She is the widow of Captain Worrell, a wealthy Englishman, who held a high place in Mexico during Maximilian's reign.

ing granted a new trial. Gabrielle were, is unknown. of her time. She will then be compar- tailing a loss of \$200,000. atively young.

meal, potatoes and other government certain lines of textile goods. stores, sailed from Portsmouth for Gal- THE residence of Peter Ermire at Wilway on the 22d. On arriving at the lat- mot, Pa., was burned, on the 24th, and ter port the steamer's cargo was un- Mr. Ermire was burned to death. His loaded and the provisions hurried for- wife and children escaped. ward to the various famine-stricken dis- In a case at Philadelphia, on the 24th. tricts of Western Ireland. Three ad- before Judge Reed, the Oleomargarine the work will be continued for months. | be unconstitutional.

NEWS AND NOTES

A Summary of Important Events. FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 22d, the day,'s ses sion was devoted to the discussion of the Federal Elections bill. Mr. Higgin, made a long speech in support of the bill, and Mr. Voorhees another long address in opposition to it In the House, the day up to him to pieces. adjournment at 3:15 p. m., was spent in considering matters pertaining to the District of Columbia.

In the Senate, on the 23d, Mr. Morgan dur ing the morning hour spoke, in support of his resolution directing the com privileges and elections to amend the Elections bill so as to show what changes and modifications in existing law are intended to be niade. The Elections bill was then taken up and Senators Call and McPherson spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Aldrich presented his clother resolution later in the Atternoon, with the request that it lie on the table and be printed In the House after The reading of the journal and its amproval and the Speaker's announcement of assign ments of several members to committees adjournment was taken until the 26th.

In the Senate, on the 24th, Mr. Edmunds asked unanimous consent for the passage of a joint resolation extending until July 1 1891, the period during which the laws of Nebraska skall be enforced in the Territory of Oklahoms. Mr. Morgan objected and the bill went over. Mr. Morgan called up his resolutions lirecting the committee on privileges and elections to amend section 31 of the Elections bill. Pending debate the hour of eleven arrived and Mr. McPherson continued his speech against the Elections bill. At 12:45 p. ten., the Senate adjourned until the .The House was not in session on the 248%.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SEVERAL of the English iron masters large reduction of wages in January.

A BALTIMORE man signing himself William Duvall has been working all children were burned to death in the EZEKEL METTLES, agei sixty, a the prominent Senators at Washington wealthy and retired newspaper man, by pretending to have named his firstborn son for them and appealing to young lady, were married at Columbus assistance, and in many cases was successful. Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, however, unmasked the fake.

REV. Dr. Almon Veigel, a minister of the Baptist church, died at Fort two years. THE citizens' committee, consisting of

the Oregon Board of Immigration, have raised a guarantee fund of \$100,000 for the purpose of starting an independent Democratic newspaper in Portland, Ore. The trial of the cruiser Newark, on was completed without any hitch or accident. The logs showed a speed attained of 19.6 knots per hour, while the engines developed a little over 9,000 horse-power. If this is borne out by the

\$50,000 premium. and a peculiar disease. Huge ulcers had formed all over his lower limbs, an energetic protest against the incor- eating holes in his flesh as big as turnips. These sores gradually extended up until they reached his heart and

A SCOTCH syndicate, with James Logan, of Glasgow, Scotland, at its head, has secured control of the plant of THE motion to suspend judgment and the Forest Milling Company at Cedar for a new trial in the case of General Falls, In. The sale also includes five other oatmeal mills in that vicinity.

THE Kansas Insane Asylum at Topeka is so crowded with patients that the superintendent has notified the Probate Judge of Atchison that thirteen of the thirty-five Atchison County patients therein confined will have to be removed to some other place.

THOMAS HOBBINS, employed in the St. Peter Starch Works at Des Moines, Ia., fell against a rapidly-revolving shaft on the 22d. He was whirled at a speed of 120 revolutions a minute and thrown a distance of fifteen feet, alighting stark naked in a tank of water. His injuries are probably fatal.

On the 27d Mrs. Johanne Daily was found dead in bed at Lafayette, Ind. The discovery was made by Sheriff Mc-Kee, who had gone to the house to evict her, the result of a foreclosure of a mortgage. The loss of her home deranged her mind, and she took a dose of arsenic.

She was eightly years old. A RUMOR was current in Buenos Avres on the 21d, that a plot to overthrow the Argentine Government had been discovered. Several persons are said to have been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy.

JAMES C. McGREGOR, one of the wealthiest citizens of Terre Haute, Ind., was instantly killed, on the 22d, cantile business.

A LIONESS discovered lurking near the presence, which escated terror in the neighborhood, could not be accounted

NEAR South Louisville, Ky., on the 22d, Lillie Van Arsdale, a girl-sixteen years old, was struck by a train and killed. She was on her way to school, walking on the track, which is double, and when she beard the train approaching stepped on the wrong track.

THE East-End street-car stables at Fort Wayne, Ind., were burned on the night of the 22d. Sixty head of horses perished in the flames. This, with harness and a large amount of hay and grain, makes the loss foot up about

\$20,000. THE Congo Technical Commission has

Berlin act. THE condition of P. T. Barness, the strikers are very well behaved. weteran showman, is much improved. the champion chess player of the and his friends are beginning to be have been burned on the Yang Tse country, attempted suicide at College more hopeful. He rests a great deal Kiang river, about fifty miles above

JOHN BRENNAN, station agent at Bays Springfield railroad, was murdered and have been lost. robbed, on the night of the 22d, and his body thrown into the depot, which was EYRAUD, the Parisian strangler con- then set on fire. How much money was first Christmas reception at the United demned to death, is still hopeful of be- secured by the miscreants, or who they States Legation in Berlin. The Minis-

Bompard, his companion in crime, is The Masonic Temple at Baltimore, Ar Auburn, N. Y., on the 27th, fire not at all cast down by her twenty Md., was destroyed by fire, on the 25th, broke out in the State prison, and years' sentence. It is possible that she just before the opening of the afternoon | burned the collar-shop, partially dewill be released after serving ten years matinee in Forepaugh's Theater, en- stroyed the broom-shop and slightly City negroes, that was at first regarded

English manufacturers declare that the new French tariff will practically Claude McCarthy, aged twelve, and John THE steamer Magnet, loaded with put an end to the trade with France in

ditional vessels have been engaged, and law of Pennsylvania was declared to each and costs at Freehold, N. J., on

A LITTLE child, the daughter of Oliver Beckwith, was burned to death in its bed at Bolivar. N. Y., on the morning of the 24th.

NEVIN JACKSON, employed at Nicholson's Brick Works, in Steubenville, O., attempted to remove an obstruction from the crusher on the 24th. He stooped over to reach for the stone while the mill was revolving rapidly and fell in. The immense wheel ground

DR. JOHN DAVIS, one of the most prominent physicians of Cincinnati, and president of the Law and Order League of that city, died suddenly, on the 26th, aged sixty years. He was an intimate personal friend of ex-President Hayes. FIRE at Plainville, Ind., on the 26th, destroyed Jenkins' Hotel, Littell's store and other buildings. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$8,000. James McBride, a prominent citizen of the town, is under arrest charged with firing the block.

JOHN R. JOHNSON and Mahlon Sperry, workmen, were literally blown into fragments by an explosion, on the 26th, in the cartridge-house of the American Forsythe Powder Company, at Lake Hopatcheng, N. J. THE Eric railroad depot at Port Jer-

vis, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire on the 26th. It was one of the handsomest passenger depots on the line of the road, and had been built only about three wears. MRS. ELLEN GIBBONS, aged eighty

years, was burned to death at her home in Saratoga, N. Y., on the 26th. It is not known whether her death was accidental or a case of self-murder.

ORRIN ENNIS, who was carrying in the Cleveland district have given no- goods from a burning saloon in Fretice that on account of the condition of mont. Wis., on the 26th, was caught in trade they will be compeled to make a the fall of the building and burned to death. MRS. JOHN DIEDRICH and three of her

destruction of their home in Rochester, N. Y., early on the morning of the 26th. It was reported, on the 25th, that the Blizzard, aged # venty-one, a charming | their generosity and pride for material town of Ree Heights, S. D., had been wiped out by fire.

THE thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero at Lyndonville, Vt., Christmas night.

Two schooners were driven ashore Wayne, Ind., on the 22d, aged ninety- during the gale, on the 26th, on the Rhode Island coast, one near Narragansett Pier and the other at Black Point. members of the Board of Trade and Both vessels were wrecked, but the crews, with the exception of three who vere washed overboard, were rescued by the life-saving crew.

Tuy renegade Sieny who took refuge in the Bad Lands are reported to have the 22d, was a pronounced success, and held a council, on the 26th, as the result of which a general return to their reservations was decided upon, and the only real danger of further bloodshed seems to rest upon the attempt to disofficial report the Cramps will realize THE "Old Curiesity Shop" in Fetter

Lane, London, made famous by Charles JACOB THENIS, aged sixty-three, died Dickens, is to be torn down to make at Madison, Ind., on the 22d, of an awful room for modern improvements. The house was the home of Praise God Barebones and Damned Barebones, wellknown characters of the time of Crom-

Hughes and Buttner, the two bogus divorce peddlers arrested in New York City, have both confessed, and have given up the Cook County (III.) seal and blank decrees in their possession and are prepared to take their medicine.

THE mask has been torn from another pious frand in Madison, N. J., in the person of Nathaniel Niles, ex-president of the Tradesmen's National Bank, who in public was a pillar of the church and composed hymns, but who in private is shown to have been a swindler.

FRAUDS by consular agents in Canada, which are alleged to amount to over a million dollars, have been brought to the attention of the Treasury Department, and a searching investigation is in progress.

THE proposed golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans at Owatonnie, Minn., on Christmas Day, became an occasion of mourning by the sudden death the day before of Mrs. Evans. Eleven children who gathered to join the festivities attended her funeral on the 26th.

A FARMER named Holloman, residing in Mahaska County, Ia., found, on the 26th, on the edge of a small creek on his farm, a solid gold mugget weighing seventy ounces.

LATE NEWS: ITEMS.

EMMA MATHER, aged twenty-three, on the 26th attempted to cross a railroad bridge near Halifax, Pa. When half way across she heard a train coming, and realizing her danger, attempted to drop through the ties to the while out hanting five miles north of creek. The space was too narrow, the city. He leaves a wife and three however, and while she was squeezing children. The deceased was about fifty- through the engine struck her, and she two years old and retired from the mer- was killed. The body dropped into the water, and one of the men, who was assisting to carry the body to the shore, Halebank railway station in Liverpool, stopped to see if he could identify her, England, on the 22d, was shot. Its when he exclaimed: "My God! It is my sister.

D. R. ANTHONY, editor of the Leavenworth (Kas.) Times, who was arrested upon the affidavit of Postmaster Ritchey for publishing and depositing in the mail papers with a lottery advertisement, had a hearing, on the 26th, before United States Commissioner Clough and was discharged.

COLONEL PEPOFF, chief of the Russian political police, who is now in Paris investigating the murder of General Seliverskoff, has made a statement to the effect that Padleswki, the Anarchist who is suspected of having killed the General, has taken refuge in Rulgaria.

THE great railroad men's strike in formally agreed that America shall Scotland has almost paralyzed the traffic have the same rights as other powers in of that portion of the British Isles, and the Congo State, although the United both sides to the contest seem deter-States Government did not ratify the mined to win. There have been a few acts of violence, but on the whole the

THE steamer Shanghai is reported to Nanking. China. The lives of sixty natives, comprising the crew, and sev-Station, O., on the Toledo, Findlay & eral European officers are supposed to

THERE were over 500 cards left for Minister Phelos on the occasion of the ter anticipates a brilliant social season.

damaged the foundry. AT Muskegon, Mich., on the 26th. Meyher, aged thirteen, broke through the ice while skating on Muskegon lake and were drowned.

GUSTAV LARSON, a laborer, lost himformer resident. self in one of the big sewers of Minneapolis, Minn., on the 26th, and wandered over three miles before he could get out. Four "book-makers' were fined \$806 the 26th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Christmas in the Penitentiary.

The convicts in the Missouri penitentiary enjoyed Christmas Day as only a holiday is enjoyed within the cold, frowning, forbidding walls of a penal institution. There is a zest and energy about the appreciation shown by the unfortunate and unhappy criminals that removes from the minds of the spectators any doubt that may be entertained about its being a merry Christmas for them. They are in for making the most of the holiday, and the enthusiasm never wanes. A special to a St. Louis paper gives the following account of how the day was passed:

The day was celebrated as usual at the prison, where the striped inmates were given the liberty of the yard and buildings from 8 a. m. until 2 p. m., with an extra good breakfast and dinner thrown in, besides the privilege of purchasing such knick-knacks as their appetites and pockets may dictate or allow. The scene was the same as on other holidays, except that the snow and cold kept most of the convicts inside the comfortable corridors of the cell buildings. There were the same old games of chance, the same tendency toward athletics, which found vent in a number of good boxing matches. The day passed too quickly for the convicts, but they enjoyed to the utmost the six hours of unusual liberty accorded them, and were locked up without a single case of insubordination, for each man is on his good behavior on Christmas and July 4. The two pardons which, in accordance with

an old-established custom, are granted to long-service men on each holiday, fall this time to John McGuire and William W. Taylor. The former has been in the prison since December, 1879, under sentence of fifty years for murder. He killed a man named Brown in Jefferson City in a drunken spree. Taylor was sent up from Webster County in 1877, under sentence of twenty years for murder in the second degree. He killed a man in Hickory County, who boasted that he had wronged Taylor's daughter. The case was tried in Webster County on a change of venue, and the Governor in granting the pardon, made Taylor promise that he would ot return to Hickory County. He is seventy-one years old, and is drawing a pension from the Government for services in the army during the Mexican War. He served thirteen years, three months and seven days. Governor Francis spent a good portion of the forenoon at the prison, and at eleven o'clock called the two men into the roundhouse, and after some conversation with them handed them the pardons and gave them some advice, to which Warden Morrison added a kind word to each, and they were dressed out. The scene at the gate was affecting. Dozens of the convicts came out to shake hands with "Uncle" Johnny and old man Taylor, both of whom were half laughing and half crying at the prospect of immediate freedom from their long confinement. They have both been model prisoners and were among the oldest in point of

The breakfast of the convicts consisted of keef hash, coffee and bread. The menu for er was roast perk, pickled pigs' feet, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, slaw and ginger cakes. The total cost of the breakfast and dinner was \$586.47. The total number of prisoners in confine-

ment Christmas, male and female, was 1.684. making the cost per capitr to the State 34.83 Boycotted by Chicago Buyers.

Several Kansas City live-stock commission firms have served notice that | President: the American Live-Stock Commission Company, which is a co-operative or- ica: panization of cattle-raisers, has been boyeotted by cattle-buyers of Chicago. There has been a long fight between the commission men and the American Live-Stock Commission Company, and if a boycott can be sustained at Chicago

the company.

A Bad Loss. The large building in St. Louis occupied by Starr Bros., dry goods and toys, and the Fratz Toy Company, was badly damaged by fire the other night, and the contents were a total loss. Loss. rabout \$145,000, supposed to be well in-

Killed While Hunting. Lewis Wiley, who resided seven miles east of Sedalia, accidentally killed himself while hunting rabbits. Deceased was a son of Thomas Wiley, a well-

known Pettis County farmer. To be Made Presidential Offices. On January 1 the following fourth class post-offices in Missouri will be

class: Hermann, La Plata, Wersailles, Wellsville, Bonne Terre. Played with Matches. At St. Joseph Aaron Hinshillwood, a

two-year-old son of A. Hinshillwood, was so badly burned while playing with matches that death was caused after an hour's territle susering. Death of an Old Settler.

James L. Peake, one of the oldestsetflers of Sedalia, passed away at the age of seventy-eight years from general debility. He built the first business block created in Sedalia. Jumped from the £ads Bridge.

Christmas night a negro about twen ty-three years old jumped from the Eads bridge at St. Louis and was drowned. He told one of the watchmen that his name was Collins.

Child Fatally Burned. A little girl of J. McNew, twelve miles south of Maryville, was burned to death. Richard Bates was also badly burned in rescuing the child from

Propped Dead. Thomas Jones, the superintendent of the Citizens' Railway Company in St. Louis dropped dead of heart disease on grip-car of that road.

Death Caused by an Orange Seed. Henry D'Armour died in St. Louis a few days since from the effects of an orange seed which he swallowed a year

The New England Society. The New England Society of St. Louis gave its sixth annual banquet at the Southern the other evening. The wealth and beauty of St. Louis were there. Called to His Door and Shot.

John Gambler, a wealthy farmer near Higginsville, was called to his door by a stranger, the other night, and shot, it was feared fatally. Missouri Press Association

The executive committee of the Misouri Press Association met in St. Louis and decided to hold the next convention early in February. The Negro Messiah Craze.

The Messiah craze among the Kansas

as a huge joke, may turn out to be something serious. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley were the recipients of much attention in St. Louis, of which city Mr. Stanley was a

Bound Over to the Grand Jury. Joseph and Baptiste Herman were bound over to the grand jury at Keytesville, the other day, for fatally injuring John A. Brown.

HEMMED IN BY HOSTILES.

Troop of the Eighth Calvary, Under Captain Fountain and Lieutenant Sydenham, Hemraed in by Hostile Indians in the Bad Lands-The Custer Massacre May be Repeated Unless Succor Reaches Them-Three Settlers Killed.

DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 25.—Captain Fountain's and Lieutenant Sydenhan's troop of the Eighth Cavalry, eighty men, are surrounded by five hundred Indians in the Cave Hills, eighty miles south of Dickinson, in one of the worst spots in the Bad Lands. Fountain's company had been making forced marches for the past ten days, and gaining rapidly on Sitting Bull's band, who have joined forces with Short Bull's and Kicking Bear's bands of four hundred Indians. Captain Fountain's cavalry camped for the night four days ago, and were surrounded while they slept. Couriers found great difficulty for forty-eight hours in getting through the Indian line for assistance, and arrived in New England City after a sixtyfive-mile ride in fourteen hours, through a blinding snow storm. A First Lieutenant and forty men of the Twentysecond Infantry camped at New England City, left at once for Cave Hills. A special courier from Major Carroll's battalion of the First Cavalry, with Gatling and Hotchkiss guns, made a forced march up the Cannon Ball, reaching New England City at 3 a. m., their supply of rations being exhausted. After getting a fresh supply and restforced march south from New England City to Captain Fountain's place of captivity. There has been a heavy snow storm for the past twentyfour hours and the mercury is below zero. Fountain's company were only rationed for a few days' scout. The weather is not favorable for marching, on account of a blinding snow, but the troops should reach Fountain by to-day some time. A courier was also dispatched south, to Fort Meade, on Grande river, for assistance. Captain Adams' troop of the First

Cavalry and Lieutenant Casey's Cheyenne scouts were last heard from at Ekalaka, seventy-five miles south of Mingusville. This would bring them about twenty-five miles to the west of the Cave Hills. Lieutenant Strong's company of light artillery, from Fort Ripley, Minn., arrived on a special at eleven o'clock this morning.

Ranehmen in from Hash Knife ranch reports three settlers killed four miles | 26 in Canada. south of Hash Knife creek by Indians caught in the act of driving off cattle into the Bad Lands.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The President's Proclamation Calling the Attention of the World to the Columbian of a Brave Mine Master. Exposition to be Held in Chicago in 1892, and Inviting All Nations to Participate.

proclamation has been issued by the Frick & Co. near Mount Pleasant. The Bu the President of the United States of Amer-

A PROCEAMATION. WHEREAS, Satisfactory proof has been presented to me that provision has been made for adequate grounds and buildings for the uses of the World's Columbian Exposition and that a sum not less than ten million dollars, to be used and expended for the purpose of said exposition, has commission men think it will break up been provided in accordance with the conditions and requirements of section 10 of an act entitled "An act to provide for celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus by holding an international exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the products of the soil, mine and sea, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois," approved April 25, 1890.

Now, therefore, I. Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said act, do hereby declare and proclaim that such international exhibition will be opened on the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundree and ninety-three, in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and will not be closed before the last Thursday in October of the same year. And in the name of the Government, and of the people the United States, I do hereby in-vite all the nations of the earth to take part in the commemoration of an event that is pre-eminent in human history and of lasting interest to mankind, by appointgraised to the third class, or presidential ing representatives thereto and sending such exhibits to the World's Columbian Exposition as will most fitly and fully illustrate their resources and their progress in

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United Done at the city of Washington, this twentv-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and of the Inde-

pendence of the United States, the one hundred and fifteenth. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State. FATAL FLAMES.

Two Disastrous Fires in Boston-Firemen Boston, Dec. 25.-Two fires, discovered about the same time, occasioned three alarms about nine o'clock last night. The first one was in the large five-story block, corner of Albany and Bristol streets, known as the "Bristol Block," and occupied by Joseph F. Pauls' Sons and many other concerns, all engaged in wood manufacturing. The fire was principally in the northern

end of the building and was subdued only by the heroic work of the firemen. The second fire was in the building Nos. 64 to 80 Wareham street, occupied by the New England Organ Company, and this structure was entirely burned, only a small portion of the walls reufacture, most of which was ruined.

A Chicago Opinion of Judge Brown. CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- Judge Blodgett, of the United States District Court, speaking of the appointment of Henry E. Brown, of Detroit, to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, ralty cases. He also made a name for man of learning, great research and courteous, refined and pure."

Fire at Hingham, Mass. HINGHAM, Mass., Dec. 25.-Fire start

ed in the cellar of the Custom-house vesterday afternoon, causing damage to the extent of \$3,000. Several ladies in the upper rooms were rescued with difficulty. There were twenty-five boardered by insurance.

Perished in His Burning Home. ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 25.—The residence of Peter Ermire at Wilmot, near Wilmore, was burned yesterday morning. Mr. Ermire was burned to death, but his wife and children escaped.

MONEY AND BUSINESS.

The Week's Business and the General Commercial and Financial Outlook as Shown by R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review-Business Failures Show a Slight Falling Off From the Previous Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The holiday trade was remarkably heavy here, and at nearly all other points good, which is by no means evidence that the tightness of the money market springs from any general embarrassment of business or industry. The volume of payments through banks continues larger, though but about three per cent. larger than a year ago. Foreign trade is very heavy, in spite of causes which were expected to insure a ma terial decrease. Reports from other cities disclose no important change in the condition of trade. Wholesale business naturally slackens and is quiet at this point in the year, and the indisposition to act is rather increased by the tardiness of collections. At Boston prospects are considered better for trade in woolen and cotton goods, and some large lots of wool have been sold without change in prices. The demand for leather is fair. Conditions at other Eastern cities have been not essentially different, though at Pittsburgh bessemer iron has sold at \$16.25, the lowest price for the year and all pig iron is at bottom prices. Manufactured iron is in fair demand, and rails unchanged. At points further west expectation of improvement for January 1 is gen eral. At Kansas City wholesale trade is quite good, but eattle and hog receipts are light. At Lincoln, Neb., business exceeds that of last year. At Denver the demand for money is lighter, but at Salt Lake the money market is extremely close and the outlook unsatisfactory. At other points in the Northwest the monetary situation seems rather better. Reports from the South also ing two hours, they renewed their indicate some improvement. Manufacturers at Louisville are fully employed, though money is very close. Trade at Atlanta improves; at Galveston cotton receipts exceed last year's. New Orleans reports fair trade, larger receipts of cotton, the erop being there estimated at 7,700,000 bales. Throughout the South the fictitious figures maintained last summer and fall for cotton have caused some embarrassment, being followed by the inevitable decline as the magnitude of the crop became known. While the situation of the iron and steel industry shows no improvement, the fact that the closing weeks of the year are passing without any serious set-back gives encouragement. On the whole, labor has never been more fully employed than in the latter part of 1890. The monetary situation grows more satisfactory, because Treasury disbursements continue and gold arrivals have given aid and the enormous excess of merchandise exports over imports is felt. The business failures occurring through

out the country during the last seven days. number, for the United States, 303, and for Canada 30, or a total of 333, as compared with a total of 404 last week, and 274 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 288; repre senting 262 failures in the United States, and

A MINE ON FIRE.

The United Coke Works Mine Near Mount Pleasant, Pa., Set on Pire by the Explosion of a Miner's Lamp-The Lives of Large Number of Men Imperiled, but All were Rescued Through the Efforts

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 27.—A miner's lamp exploded in the underground sta-Washington, Dec. 26.—The following | bles at the United Coke-works of H. C. of the mine, which is now burning with frightful fury. The tipple houses and several other buildings at the top of the shaft were also destroyed. So far as is known no loss of life has occurred. The damage to property will be very heavy.

Later-Fuller Particulars. Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Dec. 26.—Nearly

all of the company's property above and below the shaft was burned. Sixteen mules also perished. The fire was caused by Stableman John Shrogs' lamp setting fire to a barrel of oil which exexploded. The burning oil scattered all about the stable. Shrogs battled with the flames, but barely gained the top of the shaft when the flames followed him, setting fire to every thing of an inflammable nature. There were one hundred and twenty men at work in the mine. At the first alarm the entire population of the village rushed to the burning shaft, and a babel of shricking voices filled the air. Half an hour later a hopeful cheer came from the door of an air shaft a short distance away that changed the wailings of the almost frantic people into shouts of joy as they saw their friends crawling out of the little hole in the ground to a place of safety. All of the miners were saved. Mine Master William West had discovered the flames and given a timely warning to the workingmen, who were scattered over a radius nearly a mile in extent. Mine Master West, assuring himself that all his men were safe, with a dozen followers re-entered the mine and erected a brattice, preventing the flames spreading in the heading. Chas. Bowder, the company's master mechanic, ventured beyond the fire limit and was overcome by the gas. West dashed through the flames, dragging Bowder back to a place

of safety and resuscitated him. The company's loss will reach \$75,000. and twelve months will elapse before the works can be operated again.

Cowardly Assault on an Editor. ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 27.—Charles H. Shryock, editor of the Sunday News, was assaulted yesterday afternoon by Joe Casey, a well-known tough, and dangerously injured. Shryock had been exposing the schemes and crooked dealings of J. M. Bain alias W. H. Griffith & Co., alias the Zanesville Chemical maining. The firm had about \$200,000 | Company. Casey, who is in Bain's emworth of stock in various stages of man- ploy, walked into Shryock's office and began a tirade of abuse and insulting During this fire Lieutenant Henry Hart language. Shryock was seated at a of chemical engine No. 3 was badly desk, and as he turned to arise Casey bruised about the body by falling de- struck him over the head with a heavy bris, and Fireman Cobb suffered a cane rendering him insensible, and, it is fracture of a leg by being knocked from | feared, fracturing his skull. Casey was arrested and lodged in jail.

The Funeral of Ex-Commander Fearson in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-The funeral services over the remains of Fred K. Fearson, a retired Commander of the United States Navy, who died on Tuessaid: "He stood very high when he was day of heart disease, were held at his a lawyer in my court conducting admi- late residence yesterday morning. The casket was covered with black velvet himself as a commercial lawyer. As a and richly mounted with silver and jurist his opinions indicate him to be a gold. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The parlors, though judicial capacity. I know him in a social large, could hardly accommodate the way, and have found, him what one al- people who went to pay their last reways expects to find a gentleman, spects to the dead naval officer. The interment was at Woodlawn.

Fatai Duel With Bowie Knives in Wisconsin.

FLORENCE, Wis., Dec. 27.-Joe Heiden and John Neumer, two lumbermen, while coming into town Thursday morning from Hall's lumber camp, fought a bloody battle with bowie ers in the house. The loss is fully cove knives near Keyes Lake, three miles from this place. Neumer is bady cut and will die. Heiden is also badly cut, having been stabbed by Neumer in several places. Heiden is in jail and Neumer is at Molloy's livery-stable, where his death is expected every moment. He has ten ugly gashes on his breast Neumer's home is at Cooperstown.

PITH AND POINT.

-Somehow we never notice what those people have on who come to us in

our trouble.-Atchison Globe. -He-"Darling, I just want one kiss." She (indignantly)-"If that's all you

want you shan't have it."-N. Y. Her--A milkman who was told that a drink of pure milk was good for sore

throat, innocently asked where he could get it.—Texas Siftings. -A poet says that a baby is "a new wave on the ocean of life." It strikes us that "a fresh squall" would express

the idea better.-Boston Gazette. -When a big man in a little town moves to a larger town he is putting himself in a position to learn his first big lesson in humiliation.-Atchison

Globe. -She-"Will you believe me if I say that I am only twenty-nine years old?" He-"Why not? Young ladies are seldom more than thirty years old."-Flie-

gende Blatter. -When a man goes up-stairs late at. night and skips every other stair in an endeavor to keep quiet he always seems. to skip the steps that don't creak .-

Elmira Gazette. -"That's a good text you suggest," remarked Dr. Prolix to one of his parishioners; "I'll make a minute of it." "Bet you'll make an hour of it," was the whispered reply.-Richmond Dispatch.

-Did His Part. - Mother-"At the party last evening, Johnny, I hope you did your part for the general amusement." Johnny-"Yes, ma'am, I did my part. I listened patiently to the music."-Yankee Blade. -Style in Vehicles.-Dealer-"I am sure, madam, you could look the city

through, and not find a handsomer carriage than this." Mrs. D'Avnoo-"Oh, it's handsome enough, but it looks too comfortable to be stylish." - N. Y. Weekly. -"Maria," said Scribbleton, as he awoke in the middle of the night, "do you hear that mouse rattling the paper

in the waste basket?" "Yes; is there any thing that you wrote in it?" "Yes." "Well, I'm going to get up and rescue the mouse."-Washington Post. -Mr. Higgins-"And the founder of your family came over with the Conqueror? So did mine. They must have been friends." Miss Davenport-"Yes,

of course it is possible that my ancestor may have known some of the people in the steerage, but it does not follow, you know."—Harper's Bazaar. -Wise In His Generation .-"George loves me, loves me madly," The blushing heiress said; "Oft and again he tells me,

He worships where I tread!"

Her pa, replying grimly,

This cruel arrow speds

"When you walk upon my real-estate, George worships where you tread!" -N. Y. Sun. -Wilson-"I despise a hypocrite." Tomson-"So do I." "Now, take Jackfeed. The flames spread to all parts son for example; he's the biggest hypocrite on earth. I despise that man." "But you appear to be his best friend." "O, yes; I try to appear friendly toward

> him. It pays better in the end."-Brooklyn Life. -In Stock.-Stranger (at great music-box and orchestrion emporium)-"I am a dentist, and it has occurred to me that a music-box or orchestrion would be a pleasant addition to my parlors, to amuse my patients, you know, and---" Dealer-"I see. You want something to keep the waiting patients interested and sort o' help-er-drown any noises in the operating room." Stranger— "That's the idea." Dealer—"Step right this way, sir, to the steam calliope de-

partment."-Good News. AN INTERESTING SIGHT.

The Inability of a Lady to Cope with the If you have never had the pleasure of watching a woman open her front door by means of a latch key it is worth the fifteen minutes she requires for the operation to be amused at the thorough femininity of her actions. The other evening shortly before dusk a bright-looking girl, buttoned up in an English walking jacket, swinging an umbrella and carrying half a dozen small parcels, passed briskly along the street, ascended a flight of stone steps and opened fire on

the front entrance with the skeleton

She first shifted the responsibility of purse, packages, umbrella and handkerchief on one hand while she used the other to ransack both coat pockets for the key. They failed to yield it, and one bundle and the tiresome umbrella lay half way down the stoop as a result of her endeavors. With slightly flushed cheeks the girl picked up the awkward parachute, leaned it against the stoop rail, took a firmer hold on the slippery pannels and examined the palms of her snuggly-fitting gloves. This process gave her handkerchief to the breeze, and, mistaking the trifle for a miniature sail, the zephyrs playfully caught it up and wafted it half a dozen paces down the street. By this time a sad expression developed about the young lady's lips. She paid no heed to the results of an afternoon's industrious shopping now lying scattered at her feet, but plunged boldly into the intricacies of her smooth draperies and instituted immediate search for the mysterious pocket, within which she supposed the key reposed. She pulled at one fold after another, until finally a section gave way, and, with a lurch, her hand disappeared in the depths of some

bidden recess. The triumphant expression beginning to dawn upon the girl's features gave way first to one of dismay and then to a growing mortification as memory seemed to point to the exact spot on her dressing table from which she had not taken the key that afternoon. Indignant and disgusted, this indeper fent young woman gave a vicious pull at the bell, bowed humbly as a sympathetic man gathered up and restored her disordered belongings and passed out of sight through the door held open by the

smiling maid.-N. Y. Telegram. The Traveling Public.

"Now, that there bridge," said the tramp, as he came to a halt beside the track, "looks shaky. I don't believe it's safe after last night's storm. No, sir, I ion't. Just see how the bank's washed away on the other side. "Twant built right in the first place. The railroad company put it up cheap, I s'pose, with never a thought o' the peril to which they was subjectin' travelers. They'd ought to be laws to protect the travelin' public against the consequences of such criminal greed. To save a few paltry dollars, what do they put in jeopardy? Human life. Well," he continued, as he seated himself on a rock, "here comes the express an' I guess I'll sit here an' see how she makes out. If she goes over all right I gress I can."-Detroit Free Press.